

104 (New). A method according to claim 46, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

105 (New). A method according to claim 50, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

106 (New). A method according to claim 54, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

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~~104~~ (New). A method according to claim 58, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

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~~105~~ (New). A method according to claim 62, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

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~~106~~ (New). A method according to claim 66, wherein the circulating gas from the downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

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107 (New). A method according to claim 70, wherein the circulating gas from the

downstream side of the reaction chamber to the upstream side is heated by a heater which is different from said heat treatment means.

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